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To:	City Council
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Subject:	In Support of a Cambridge boycott of Hewlett Packard products
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Dear Cambridge City Councilors,

I am writing in support of the effort to have the City of Cambridge boycott Hewlett Packard (HPE and HP Inc) products.

I have lived in Cambridge for 35 years. I am also Jewish and a member of a congregation. I don't believe that a boycott is anti-Semitic, but rather is a lawful opportunity to stand by our ideals to protect the rights of Palestinians, which continue to be grossly violated day-by-day.

Although the issue of Palestinian rights does not directly affect the City of Cambridge, it is the right of our citizens to use the power of our government – by refusing to purchase Hewlett Packard products – to address the longstanding, and worsening, abrogation of rights of Palestinians, both inside Israel and within the occupied territories – an abrogation that is abetted in part by the use of Hewlett Packard products.

We have seen Cambridge speak out in the past about injustice abroad and it is particularly appropriate here where we can perhaps make an albeit small difference.

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